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Dear Josh,

I have been much honoured by the kind invitation by Dr. Bodmer. Unfortunately I am not able to take a long leave of absence before Summer 1964. I could however come for 3-4 weeks around X-mas.

At the end of the year I shall receive from the University a very ~~large~~ building (1500 square meters of laboratory space). Then the main problem ~~will~~ be to have enough good people to put in. In this respect I would like to know from you if in the next years (1964-65) you could receive for training a young and promizing collaborator of mine.

Our present lines of work are 1) immunogenetics: antigens of white cells and human tissues in colture - possible relationship with transplantation antigens - synthesis of gammaglobulin in vitro from human and rabbit lymphocytes - 2) biochemical genetics of human cells in vitro (in collaboration with Luca and De Carli) - 3) medical genetics - at the moment we are looking into relatively common psychiatric diseases.

I know that some of your collaborators are working on Immunogenetics along lines related to ours. I would greatly appreciate to receive reprints. We shall reciprocate: however up to now we don't have published anything of special interest. Our major achievement has been to produce in volunteers a number of specific anti-leukocyte antibodies.

With best regards,

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Sincerely yours
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